

Transportation Model and Pilot Project

Purpose

The Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (ADDPC) is seeking to develop community-based transportation model, that when implemented, will address transportation needs in areas outside of major urban communities, in Arizona cities and towns with a population of 82,000 or less. The ADDPC seeks to develop transportation model(s) serving the needs of persons with developmental disabilities that will result in increased access to key elements of community life, such as work, school, healthcare and access to community resources.

Scope of Work

The contractor(s) working on this project will conduct a literature review and needs assessments into the transportation needs of persons with developmental disabilities in Arizona cities and towns with a population of 82,000 or less.

Contractor will determine which Arizona communities may benefit most from increased transportation services based on the number of persons with developmental disabilities, overall population density, geographic sprawl and human and financial resources. Targeted Arizona communities will be the focus to develop transportation models for piloting approaches to increase transportation services, stressing the use of existing resources, collaboration, innovation and sustainability. Such transportation models will be designed for maximum replication in other Arizona communities.

Tasks

1. Conduct literature review and needs assessments to obtain accurate findings related to transportation deficiencies in public/private/family/friends transportation services within cities and towns with populations of no more than 82,000 people in Arizona.
2. Conduct literature review and needs assessments on population density pertaining to persons with developmental disabilities, identifying cities or towns with populations no greater than 82,000 people, identifying at least 4 communities within the state where the greatest number of persons with developmental disabilities reside.

3. Identify transportation needs of persons with developmental disabilities, based on.
 - Identified barriers barring access to necessary transportation;
 - Purpose of transportation (work, education, healthcare, recreation);
 - Specialized needs (accessible vehicles);
 - Frequency of use;
 - Destinations;
 - Qualifications of drivers, operators.
4. Develop models that when implemented in the identified communities (as identified in number 2), will increase the capacity of persons with developmental disabilities to achieve greater independence through improved transportation services.